

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

15 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, USIB

SUBJECT: USIB Annual Report to NSC

1. Attached is our contribution to the USIB Annual Report, prepared pursuant to USIB-D-3.2/7 of 7 July.
2. The text covers appropriate OCR activities as well as those of the USIB Committees on Documentation and on the Procurement of Foreign Publications (CODIB and PROCIB).
3. While all items could be included in Section I of your Provisional Outline (Organization, Integration and Coordination), you may wish to include paras. 1 and 2 in the portion of the report covering collection capabilities.

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Consolidated Contributions of
OCR, CODIS and PROCIS to the
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1. As a counterpart to the use of private individuals as intelligence sources (BCID 2/3), the USIB undertook to formalize community arrangements for exploiting the U.S. Government official.

2. The Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications, USIB, has identified gaps and intensified collection of Soviet and Communist Chinese publications, particularly in view of the 1960 embargo on the latter. Field trips to Africa, Europe and Latin America stimulated collectors to increase coverage in problem areas. Committee representatives met in Paris with Publications Officers from six major foreign procurement areas for their State Department sponsored, biennial conference on consumer needs and collection potential.

3. USIB representatives participated in hearings held by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics on research on mechanical translation. This reflected increased interest in a field which promises at least partial relief to a vexing problem at an early date.

4. Increased dependence by the intelligence community on private research organizations has pointed up problems of releasing third agency intelligence information required by these contractors for carrying out assigned tasks. We have made some progress in revising our procedures to alleviate this, but serious difficulties remain.

5. CIA dissolved its Radio Stations Branch, a reference facility of common concern which had been established pursuant to NSC 169. Praised and announcedly required by many, this activity went by the boards owing to absence of an agency with primary responsibility for managing the Government's usage of radio frequencies, and hence lack of priority for funds needed to carry on this work.

6. Under sponsorship of the USIB Committee on Documentation, the first major revision of the community's intelligence subject and area codes (ISC) was completed. Based upon twelve years experience, the revision was designed to tighten up the code categories, remove ambiguity and duplication, generally improve input quality, and to provide a basic code which may be expanded by the individual user to meet specific needs.

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